मिलियन वृद्धि होने का अनुमान लगाया गया है।

(घ) उच्च रोजगार सघनता वाले क्षेत्रों और उप क्षेत्रों, जैसे कि कृषि, एग्रो और ग्रामीण उद्योगों, ग्रामीण आधार संरचना, छोटे और विकेन्द्रीकृत विनिर्माण क्षेत्रक, शहरी अनोपचारिक क्षेत्रक और सेवाओं के विकास के जरिए सहित रोजगार अवसरों का विस्तार आठवीं योजना में एक प्राथमिकतापूर्ण क्षेत्र है। आठवीं योजना में पहले से चल रही स्कीमों जैसे कि आई आर डी पी, जे आर वाई और एन आर वाई को जारी रखते हुए रोजगार आश्वासन स्कीम (ईएएस), प्रधान मंत्री रोजगार योजना (पीएमआरवाई) और खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग (केवीआईसी) की टू मिलियन जॉब स्कीम जैसी नई रोजगार स्कीमें शुरू की गई हैं। हाल ही में शुरू किये गये प्रधान मंत्री के एकीकृत शहरी गरीबी उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम (आईयूपीएपी) एक प्रमुख विशेषता, जनसंख्या के गरीब तबकों को बुनियादी सेवाओं की व्यवस्था के साथ रोजगार सृजन का एकीकरण किया जाना है।

(ङ) कुल ग्रामीण कार्य बल के बीच अल्प रोजगार (वे सभी जिनके पास एक सप्ताह में 7 दिनों से कम का काम है) का अनुमानित प्रतिशत, एनएसएस राउन्ड (1987-88) सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार 5.68 था। अनुवर्ती वर्षों के संबंध में अनुमान उपलब्ध नहीं है।

Delegation to Search for New Markets for Indian Tobacco

1403. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tobacco Board has sent any delegation abroad to search for new markets for Indian tobacco;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the results of such visits abroad in obtaining orders for exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Tobacco Board has sponsored the following delegations during the current financial year to explore new markets and sustain existing markets:

(i) Delegation to Iran, Tunisia and Egypt in June, 1995;

(ii) Delegation to Russia, Belarus and Ukraine in November, 1995.

(c) Some of the significant achievements of these visits are:—

(i) receipt of firm order valued at Rs. 90 crores from Govt. of Iran for supply of unmanufactured and semi-processed tobacco and cigarettes;

(ii) obtaining immediate release of payments of US $ 6.5 millions from Algeria against 3500 MTs of tobacco supplied in January, 1995;

(iii) Algerian and Tunisian tobacco monopolies agreed to float tenders for purchase of Indian FCV tobacco;

(iv) obtaining price range demands for Indian tobacco from Egyptian Government;

(v) typing up import of Indian tobacco by multinational companies and Government organisation in Ukraine;

(vi) firming up supply of tobacco to Russia against debt repayment.

Export of Flowers

1404. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is exporting flowers to Holland which in turn sells them to Russia and other European countries;

(b) if so, the quantum of export of flowers to that country during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have explored the possibility of direct export of flowers to Russia and other countries; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) India is exporting flowers to Holland, Holland

being one of the major international auction centre for flowers, re-exports about 70% of flowers imported to other countries.

(b) The value of flowers exported to Holland from India during the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Fresh Cut Flowers.	4.04	10.85	91.00
Other Cut Flowers	25.42	73.69	199.40

(c) Efforts have been made to export flowers directly to Russia and other countries but large orders have not materialised so far.

(d) Does not arise.

Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals in Delhi

1405. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many labour courts and industrial tribunals are functioning both at Central and State level in Delhi as on date;

(b) details thereof, labour court and tribunal-wise;

(c) how many cases are pending presently before each of them;

(d) how many are two, three and five years old disputes among them; and

(e) what steps are being taken to speed up the disposal of disputes pending before each of them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) As on date there are 3 Industrial Tribunals and 10 Labour Courts at State level and one Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court functioning in Delhi.

(c) and (d) A Statement is enclosed (*see* below)

(e) While effecting procedural changes with a view to expedite disposal of cases is a continuous process, some of the more important steps taken recently in this regard are as follows:—

— norms for disposal of cases of each Presiding Officer have been fixed;

— review meetings are convened to discuss possible remedial measures for disposal of long pending cases;

— while old cases are accorded priority, fresh cases are being assigned to the courts having lesser pendency;

— parties to the dispute are discouraged to seek adjournments and where unavoidable short duration adjournments are allowed. They are also impressed upon to complete all the connected formalities as expeditiously as possible; and

— additional labour courts are created keeping in view the overall pendency and subject to financial constraints.